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BY

MAILIN TEKER

AND

THE TRAFALGAR GANG

Where havin our party

AT CLOPPA CASTLE

where your friendly enemy

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where livin in harmony

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Sunday morning and THE TRAFALGAR GANG has one a football match against a team from the ARNDALE CENTRE.

STRINGFELLOW bounds down stairs and greets his father straightening his tie in the hall mirror then past the china ducks on the wall andmeets his mother at there garden gate .He takes bags of frozen food from her and up the path to the open garage and opens the chest freezer.

SALLY THAT'S RIGHT SON I GET YOU BUXTED FROM BEJAM AS YOU SUGGEST, now your father wants you in the SLUG AND LETTUCE to talk about football. STRINGFELLOW I better go see which team are up for it next, I've got to fit it in to a busy schedule of acting.

SALLY Great i've a bone to pick with you, how you expect

to pass your chemistry gcse when you won't do your french homework STRINGFELLOW i get multiple choice in the new IT rooms, where i

can revise for my exams

SALLY i don't know, What's the play this time son Stringfellow just some luke warm humour .

He leaves shutting the Gate behind him and starts left towards town.It's an overcast cloudy day and he phones JAMES saying he'll see him at the lair. Then he phones the British chairman of the foundation, JO CAPP who has just come up to his office.

STRINGFELLOW Hi Jo incase YoU didn't know we have finished our exams and are on holiday .Me and lora got back from Paris last week after successfully finding your missing ROBOT.

JO CAPP Yes well done , the robot is back with us and on the set of our new show.

STRINGFELLOW I'll read about he in the new magazine, me and the gang will be distributing at the council estate later on before rehearsing for our new play.

STRINGFELLOW SHAW I've sent you our lattest PODCAST made on AUDACITY.CO.UK so add the effects , and intimadate acociate menbers . JOE CAPP No we don't do that, we just fictionalise and adice

acociate members to up there game .

STRINGFELLOW SHAW You don't bully them for there life savings, dam i

could do with some pocket money

JOE CAPP REALY STRINGFELLOW SHAW We're staging a play at the rec tonight . JOE CAPP And I can jazz up your win against a local football

team yesterday. I'll get a picture and get our editors to include it. From the list in front of me you've been busy recruiting new members, so. Keep up the good work.. STRINGFELLOW SHAW Rock-on-tommy . JO CAPP You can leave FELIXTOWE to us here as Oliver intends to move the space program up a pace and invite ANDREW STERLING over to his ranch in DALLAS. You'll let me know your plans for the summer holidays won't you.

STRINGFELLOW Of cause we will I have some photo's from Paris to send you in this package ,and

JOE CAPP I'll send our presenters along for our next football

match.

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When he and JAMES reach town a pigeon flutters down from a tree and starts pecking at a SPONGE CAKE .

He enters the slug and lettice and walks the length of the bar looking for his father Walks up to the dining level. Passed out banisters to where Mighty White and Mata hari are sitting with Joe Maserati and Minty Robinson .Behind MARA HARI is a distinguished man in a cream two piece suit , and a mauve shirt, playing a fruit machine .

MIGHTY WHITE FAIRED INCOME LOVE YOU DON'T GET MANY OF THEM TO THE

POUND . I'M AS DRY AS A WOLLABIES JOCKSTRAP, ANOTHER FOSTERS DARLIN,. MARTA I'LL SAY WE DID MATE I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU GET YOUR ENERGY FROM .

Mighty white gets up and picks up two empty glasses from the table before pushing his way through the crowd of revelers and spies Stringfellow coming along the length of the bar.

MIGHTY WHITE Hello there mate, I'm hear with a little shella I've met do you want a drink.

STRINGFELLOW CRINGES with embarrassment saying " I'm with my dad Mr White, and I'm meeting the gang in about 40 mins,

He beckons the sports presenter towards the fruit machine nestled next to the bar. STRINGFELLOW You still here I thought you'd be covering WIMBELDON or something.

MIGHTY WHITE ` This girl over there kept me up all night and I missed my train this morning. Put it there son how are you after that match with the security guards yesterday.

STRINGFELLOW SHAW Briming with confidence MIGHTY WHITE When your next sporting event mate I got to do the promo on the radio back at base camp.

STRINGFELLOW SHAW That's the reason dad called me and he's over

there but I promised Jeramy a game of cricket with his brothers yonks ago. MIGHTY WHITE look mate my listeners want the inside story on your flourishing sports career.

STRINGFELLOW SHAW I'll ring you when I have the details Stringfellow walks along the bar looking for his dad and spies him near the back patio door. He makes a bee line saying "rotation and notation dad bye me a bottle of shandy "Christopher is whearing his new macintosh from HARRODS that he bought while driving the language school to the British museum. Minty Robinson , the postmaster general sits adjacent to him in an orange shell suit. CHRISTOPHER fancy another RUDDLES GREEN KING IPA Minty, you've met my boy havn't you?

MINTY ROBINSON You know I do frank since he was a glint in your eye's now pull up a chair son ,what you up to ?

STRINGFELLOW So my TRAFALGAR GANG got a lucky break then. JO MAZERATI we look forward to a rematch mate. STRINGFELLOW tERRIFIC first it's that cricket match though. MIGHTY WHITE Give me a call next week when the cricket match is on and me and my sound technician will come down for moss radio. He check's his watch and says his goodbye's " I've got to get back to the office.] The ozzie sports presenter leaves saying a last goodbye to his date MARTA HARI Buy love and like I say to all the boys < >

Half the customers bust out laughing or choke on there drinks. Christopher beggers belief doesn't it.

MINTY ROBINSON NOW SON YOU are going up against the post offices elite squad of sorters and porters under my command, and you'll have to step up your game.

JO MAZERATI You can't even beat my Security staff Minty.

MINTY pulls a face saying " the moris dancers are causing an

obstruction at the front of the supermarket, can you take a hint and save the grocery department" CHRISTOPHER I'll walk you back to the shopping center Jo and then see you later son, and don't forget to let your mother know if your going to be late in. Stringfellow leaves the bar saying farewell to his dad and calls David Gardner for a meeting at there usual location in NEWTOWN WOODS.

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friends as they have hired the church hall.

DAVID ANY excuse for a party , I'll bring all the gang and Scott will become one of us.

PONELOPE That's fine as long as your not too boisterous.

David phones Stringfellow and then closes down his projects and grabs his coat , then walks out the door. He bounds down stairs two at a time and then out into the morning sunshine.

DAVID GARDNER Hold the fort Sam, and you can go in my room as long as you don't look under the mattress. He closes the gate behind him and takes a left down the street whistling a happy tune.

As he gets out on the street he notices his next door neiboure coming down the ladder of his house after installing a solar panel on the roof. DAVID GARDNER What you doing ERIC putting solar panels up. The next door neibour comes over two them, a bald skinny guy in his late thirties. ERIC PRINCE It's my new business and I'm starting with my own house, going to make it right this time.

DAVID GARDNER roofing and construction not feeding the furnace so well then Eric.

ERIC PRINCE It's time I branched out though I'm still up and down ladders all day. Maybe I can tempt you parents, my prices are very keen. DAVID GARDNER Go on Sam take him in to see mum, I've got a date with THE TRAFALGAR GANG.

WITH THAT HE WALKS away down the street for an appointment at a secret location in Ipswich woods which the gang call the lair

He takes the Bridge over the canal where the mothers and toddlers are feeding the geese underneath and spies James playing with his dog WITH Keith the forgetful karati instructor.

DAVID I'LL SEE YOU at the lair James ASAP.

James tugs at a stick firmly clenched in his german Shepards jaw and looks over shouting " if I can get there" and pull hard at the stick before throwing it over the other side of the canal.

KEITH So I I've switched to sweetex and given up sugar James and advised all my students to follow in my footsteps.

JAMES That's terrific Keith your breaking my heart now KEITH SO WHEN YOU GOING TO PERSUADE YOUR LADS TO COME TO ONE OF MY CLASSES

The dog has paddled back from the other side , and climbs out of the water with the stick in his hands , gives himself a shake and comes over. JAMES lets go then . I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO STARTING NEW DEFFENCE CLASSES FOR QUITE A WHILE.

They leave the canal and walk towards James's house where Keith waits outside. He takes the dog around the side and through the back gate letting him off and depositing the leash on a hook on the kitchen door. MARGERY GRAINGER Take this tray up to Mrs Aspinal before you do anything else James.

James takes the tray up and opens the door saying "here's your tea Mrs Aspinal, how are you."

ASPINAL I'M STILL LAUGHING about that play you helped with last SATURDAY.(seeTHE GAME SHOW) That dreadful costume Hettie Waithrope was wearing ,.

JAMES yes auntie that was funny, where doing another play in a couple of weeks which should be a very good.

ASPINAL well I can't wait to see it what is it going to be. JAMES I'll let you know tomorrow as there are a couple of projects the Wainthrope players are concidering.

HIS AUNTIE peers at a postcard and then reads the back. HE Leaves his aunties room and walks downstairs and bumps into William coming out of the living room " hi there dad having a break are you " WILLIAM GRAINGER Let us know what you and your gang is up to , I enjoyed that game last weekend. And I'm booking a summer holiday in Devon so make sure you have the week free.

JAMES I'll try to fit you in to my buisy schedule dad, and let you know about sporting events.

He leaves the house and collects Keith , who has been waiting obediently by the front gate.

JAMES So why you after new location for your karati class then keath. KEiTH fauset I teach whoever signs up with the sports centre and have less control. They cant make large bookings as there is only two sessions a week , and the rest of the time I'm on lifeguard duty at the

indoor pool. They head down the street and over the road taking a right towards there rendezvous with the TRAFALGAR GANG.

James GRAINGER So if you only want the self defence class you have to get the complete package of sports and gym.

KEITH fauset that's right mate, and I want to offer class's to groups such as your lot and my older students JAMES So a venue such as Holy Trinity that I can use as I get more customers would be perfect. As well as the girls from Benny's rounders team.

KIETH fauset Well mate I was thinking more along the lines of corperate business accounts, but now you come to mention it that would be a bonafide bona . There is a strong wind blowing and it starts to rain as they enter IPSWICH woods. David Gardner comes along joining them through the tree lined path to a large crater where the gang sit on barrels

JAMES Your one of us now we've accepted you at our hide out Keith. The lair is.

MICHAEL SULLIVAN Newcomers in our midst , we should have hipnotised him so he couldn't blab to our enemies.

They stride down the steep slope to the bottom and accept an open bottle of fizzy pop as they take seats on plastic crates.

KIETH fauset So this is your big secret then lads a bomb crater. We'll swear you to secrecy about the lair then Kieth. JAMES GRAINGER I'LL take full responsibility for bringing him, he looks after my dog so often I thought I had to.

KEITH fauset I wont breath a word to anyone I promise lads, though I had to come and get hold of you about the self defence classes. MICHAEL SULLIVAN That will look great on the front cover of the foundation magazine in our full kit.

Stanley ratchet who are our enemies then Michael. STRINGFELLOW SHAW He means the kids from Grange Hill public school, south of town, who have challenged us to a game of cricket . LORA DENHAM That could be a potential death trap. JERAMY FITSOLIVER My cousin brags that his team can run us all out. It'll make my day if we beat them,

GRAHAM Any excuse for a party, but we'll show them what we're made of wont we lads.

Stringfellow SHAW We'll leave the ball in your court then Jeramy, the defence classes and the cricket match, though I'll phone my contact at headquarters and see if I can get funding for karati kit.In the mean time you can come with us to that notorious council estate known as CRAPSTON VILLAS where Ruffus is expecting us.

GRAHAM Meeting adjourned then , lets go. They break camp and scramble up the slope of the lair then take a narrow path towards civilization.

They all run for the bus as it pulls up and take seats at the back. GRAHAM How's your mum anyway David, she finished washing our football kit.

TIM CURRY Yes I quite fancy your mum mate. JERAMY YOU are a classic case of the inverse ratio between the size of the mouth and the size of the brain aren't you.

The bus takes a rout out of town centre towards the council estate and drops them at a group of flats pretending to be sky scrapers named CRAPSTON VILLAS. CRAPSTONEVILLAS